therefore, do not qualify to draw the benefits of the Central Pool. The request of the J and K Govt. in this regard has been forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs for examining their proposal in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Streamlining of rural employment generation programmes under DRDA

1780. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken effective steps to strengthen delivery, monitoring, vigilance and accountablity system in the implementation of Rural Employment Generation Programme run under the DRDA;

(b) whether the reckoning of employment generation in compliance reports of DRDA is done by dividing the wage component of stated expenditure with minimum wages or by actual count on the muster rolls, the details thereof;

(c) whether a beneficiary survey conducted by ORG Centre for Social Research has found poor quality of programme implementation, misuse of funds, use of contractors, etc.; and

(d) if so, measures being taken to revamp the programme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In accordance with the provisions of the EAS Guidelines, both Panchayat Samities and Zilla Parishads are required to maintain Employment Registers for the works executed by them. The register contains the details of persons employed including the number of SC/ST, gender of the workers and number of wage-days generated for each work under the EAS. The registers are maintained work-wise.

(c) No such survey has been sponsored by the Ministry of Rural Development.

(d) The Government have launched a new Scheme namely the Sampoorna Grammen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) by merging the EAS & JGSY from 25th September 2001 to provide wage employment in the rural area. Under the Programme, minimum 5 kgs of foodgrains will be provided as a part of wages to provide food security to the rural poor.